

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-12, 14-18 and 20-22 are pending in the captioned application. The Examiner has required a restriction of the claims under 35 U.S.C. §121 and §372. Applicants elect, without traverse, to prosecute the invention of Group I, namely claims 1-10 and 20-22, drawn to methods of purifying plasmid DNA. Applicants hereby withdraw the non-elected claims 11-12 and 14-18 and reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications on these groups.

Applicants respectfully assert that the claims are in allowable form and earnestly solicit the allowance of the claims 1-10 and 20-22.

Early and favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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